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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents indicated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Those documents were cited in an April 20, 1998 Search Report from the European Patent Office. Copies of the documents and of the Search Report are also enclosed.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

It is hereby certified that the documents indicated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 in this Information Disclosure statement were cited in a communication from a foreign Patent

Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialled and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 758-2400. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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